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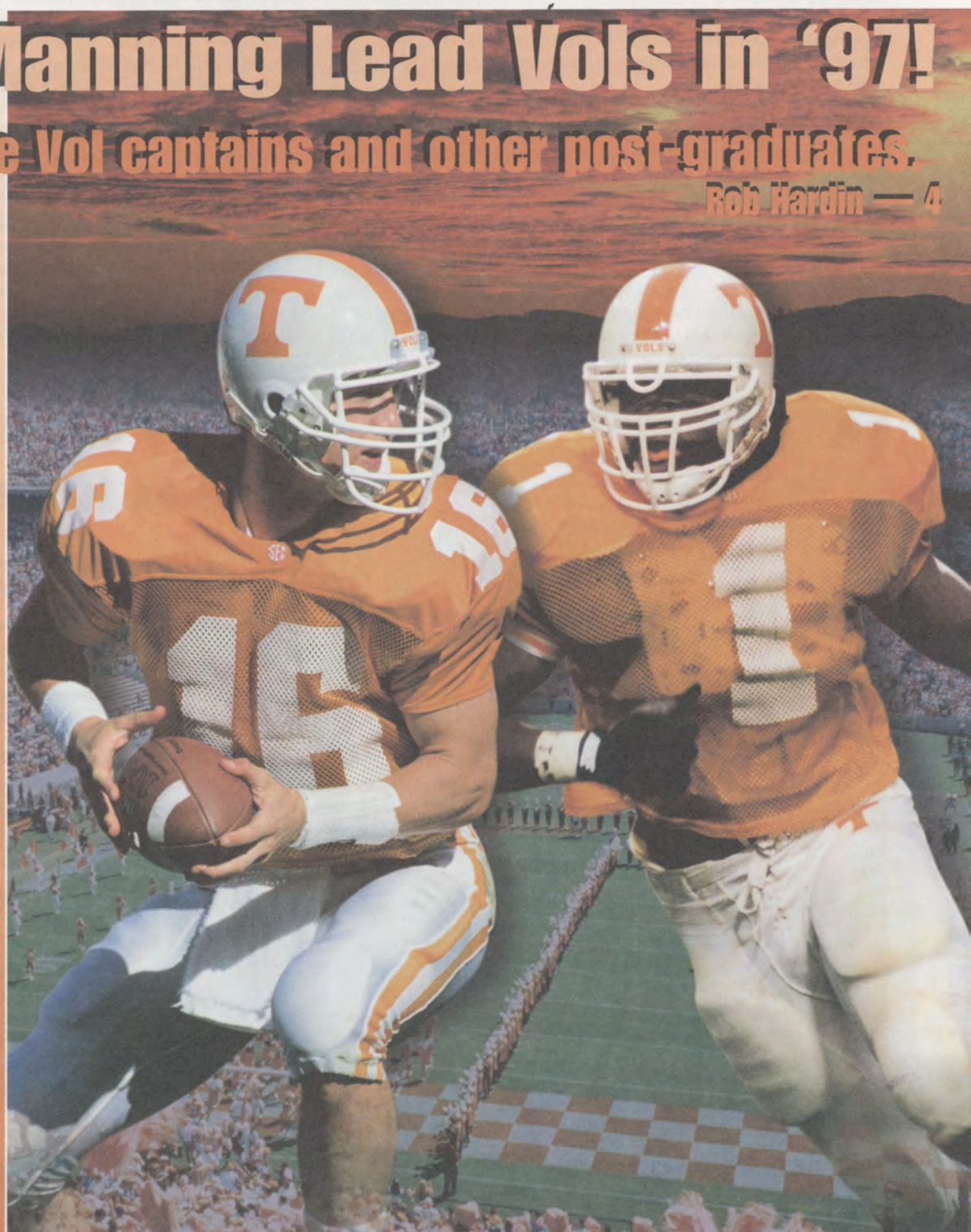

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Our New Look

We hope you noticed our new look on the cover as well as inside this magazine. The person responsible is John Schaffhauser, a graphic designer from Madison, Miss. He did a great job and we hope you enjoy the new look.

Former Vol Chris Woodruff Moving Up in the Pro Ranks

Former Vol Chris Woodruff recently recorded his first ATP Tournament championship at the du Maurier Canadian Open. Woodruff, the NCAA singles champion in 1993, defeated Gustavo Keurten of Brazil in straight sets to claim the title.

"This is my biggest tennis accomplishment so far," the Knoxville native said. "The first win is the toughest. I had a couple of chances last year now hopefully I'll get a few more titles."

The win moved Woodruff to No. 30 in the ATP rankings.

Woodruff defeated four seeded players on his way to the finals in claiming the $337,000 top prize. His earnings to date total over $500,000 placing him in the Top 30 on the ATP money list.

John Christofferson New Assistant Trainer

John Christofferson has joined the Vols staff as an assistant trainer. Christofferson, a Littleton, Colo., native, will mainly handle all training duties associated with the Vol baseball program, and will also assist with other men's sports during the offseason.

Christofferson served the past two years as a graduate assistant trainer with the Vol baseball program while earning his masters in sport administration. Prior to Tennessee, he earned his undergraduate degree in kinesiology from the University of Colorado (1994). There he was a student trainer for the Buffaloes football and track teams.

Christofferson also earned an associates degree from Garden City (Kan.) Community College in 1991.

Aileen Pierce

With this issue, we say goodbye to Aileen Pierce, one of the really good people within UTAD, who has retired effective this month. Aileen worked for Col. Gene Moeller and was an integral part of yearly preparations for the Awards Banquet of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame. Always cheerful, always a part of all the good things that go on around here, Aileen was one of a kind.

John Chapman Wins State Amateur Championships

Former Vol John Chapman (86-89), won the Tennessee State Amateur golf title during the weekend of Aug. 7-9 at the Virginian Golf Course in Bristol, Va.

"Even though I wasn't winning tournaments earlier in the summer, I never beat myself," Chapman said. "I gained confidence out of every single one. If somebody plays great and beats you, there's nothing you can do about it. I just continued to build all year and this was a culmination of that."

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From the Editor

1997 Rule Changes

Due to concerns of lengthy overtime games, the NCAA Rules Committee approved a ruling requiring a team that scores a touchdown to attempt a two-point conversion, beginning in the third overtime period. Extra point kicks will be disallowed.

One reason is that the two teams' abilities to convert a two-point attempt are likely to vary more than their abilities to kick extra points. Eight of the 49 overtime games in the two divisions lasted three or more periods and this was one of the reasons for the rule change.

"Historically, the safety of the student-athlete has been the paramount concern of the Football Rules Committee," said committee chair Vincent J. Dooley, director of athletics at the University of Georgia in the February 14, 1997 issue of NCAA News.

"While the committee remains committed to resolving all games through the use of overtime, it believes this is a reasonable step to help protect the players against the possibility of having to play in extraordinarily long games in which they are more likely to be injured."

A rule requiring a game to be declared a tie if it is in overtime but cannot be finished due to weather, darkness or other conditions was also approved.

In another safety-related change, the committee adjusted the rules to require more blocks be penalized as illegal chop blocks.

Under the previous rule, a chop block was defined as a delayed block at the thigh or below against an opponent who is in contact with a teammate of the blocker. Such a block was considered delayed if it occurred more than one second after the teammate's initial contact.

The change allows a chop block to be called if the low block is "obviously delayed," which could mean less than a second after initial contact, and if the opponent has just disengaged contact with the blocker's teammate. It also prohibits certain types of combination blocks that were previously legal.

Restrictions on another potentially dangerous technique, the "crack-back" block, were also implemented. A "crack-back" block is below the waist by any receiver or player in motion toward the ball at the snap. Such a block before was illegal anywhere on the field until the ball crossed the line of scrimmage. The block will be illegal up to five yards beyond the line of scrimmage regardless of the position of the ball.

In an effort to get more players to wear their required mouth guards, officials will be allowed to interrupt the 25-second count if a player obviously does not have his in place. Once the clock is stopped, the player's team will be charged a timeout. If the team has used its three timeouts in that half, a five-yard penalty will be enforced. The player can remain in the game if he has his mouth guard with him.

Punt returners will receive added protection from a stiffer penalty for coming within six feet of the returner before he has caught the ball and then roughing him. The penalty was changed from five to 15 yards and will prevent punting-team players from leveling returners with "unnecessarily vicious hits."

Next, in an effort to standardize player appearance, the committee voted to require all players on the same team to wear white or team-color socks of the same design and length. Leg coverings such as tights, if worn, must be in team colors and of uniform design for all players on the same team.

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A Look At The Vols...

The Graduates: Little, Manning Lead Vols in 1997!

The demands on a football player at the University of Tennessee are many. These student-athletes must budget their time so that they are successful not only on the field, but in the classroom and socially.

That can be quite a daunting task to young men in their late teens and early 20s. But at Tennessee four individuals have gone far beyond just succeeding on the field and in the classroom. These four Vols have completed their undergraduate degrees and are embarking on post-graduate studies, while continuing their collegiate football careers.

Leading the way for the Vols and setting the example for all to follow are senior captains Peyton Manning and Leonard Little. Both of these Vols have done remarkable things.

Manning finished his undergraduate studies in three years and earned his bachelor's degree in Speech Communication in May of this year. He also was the top graduate in the Department of Speech Communication. Little overcame the adversity of having to go to junior college his first two years and then suffered a season-ending knee injury last season against South Carolina. But those obstacles were not enough to discourage him from completing his studies. He graduated this summer with a degree in Psychology.

Tori Noel, who will be playing his final year as a Vol as a graduate student, gets ready to get after it in the secondary.

"I had to go through a lot of adversity to get to be a senior," Little said. "I had to go through junior college first, and then I got hurt. You have to be mentally strong to go through that. Going through that adversity has made me mentally stronger, and it will only help me."

Little also had the focus to make it through college.

"It comes a point in everybody's life in college that it is time to quit partying and start studying," Little, a native of Asheville, N.C., said. "I got to that point and got my class work finished and graduated. I wanted to graduate before I left college, and I have come a long way to get my degree.

"I wanted to make my mom proud and satisfy myself. It feels great to do that."

Manning did not have to face the adversity that Little went through to get his bachelor's degree, but he did have to finish his last semester of undergraduate studies in the national spotlight. All the eyes and ears of Knoxville, Tennessee, and college football were searching for some sort of sign of whether or not he

would return to Tennessee for his final year of eligibility. Manning made his decision in Thompson-Boling Arena in front of about 200 media members and on-lookers.

His decision to stay at Tennessee help put the Vols near the top of all the pre-season polls, but more importantly it showed just what kind of person Peyton Manning is.

"Peyton staying shows just the type of guy he is," junior placekicker Jeff Hall said. "I think it is incredible that he is here for his senior year. I even look up to Peyton and Leonard, because I struggle in school sometimes. For those guys to come in, graduate, be captains and be pre-season All-America is college football at its best. You can't get any better than that."

Being around college football was a major factor in Manning staying in Big Orange Country one more season. Experiencing his senior year in college is something he will enjoy.

"I will always appreciate coming back for my senior year and knowing I played all four years here," he said. "It is fun to hear people say 'senior quarterback Peyton Manning.' I am looking forward to my senior year."

Manning is also pleased he was able to set a positive example for the incoming freshmen at Tennessee and college athletes in general.

"Football is extremely important, but you have to get your education first," he said. "It is important to start off on the right foot. That is what I did which enabled me to graduate in three years. You have to keep your priorities in order, and it all starts with education."

Little and Manning are showing that you can be a student and an athlete. But two other Vols are as well. Defensive back Tori Noel and offensive lineman Brad Lampley will also be in their final year at Tennessee as graduate students, Noel in the secondary and Lampley, who recently took a medical scholarship, as a student assistant.

Lampley, who majored in communications, will be a first year law student and feels the foursome has set an example for everyone to follow.

"You look at the other three guys who have graduated, and they are all NFL-type players," Lampley said. "That tells the freshmen that school is important. You take a guy like Peyton Manning who is going to make more money than most people will ever see, and yet he comes in here and graduates in three years.

"I think that speaks volumes about how you have to be a well-rounded person. I think the university is excited, because a lot of the best athletes have put the student in the student-athlete."

Lampley gives credit to his success and that of his teammates to the support system UT has for its athletes.

"My whole feeling about UT is there is nowhere in the country that has as much of a family atmosphere and family feel than this program does," he said. "A lot of schools give lip service to that family thing, but here it is true. The athletic support personnel care so much for the players, and not just what they do on the field. Here they care about the person."

His family is what motivated Noel to earn his degree his Urban Studies.

"I did it for a reason — my mom, Linda Kay Murphy," Noel said. "She said, 'Son, you are going to go to school and get your degree. You love football, but I want you to graduate.' I did it for her. I am proud, and she is proud of me. I could not do anything but graduate."

He also believes what Manning did will be influential on all college athletes.

"I think that set the standard for every guy who has the dream of going professional and making a lot of money," he said. "It is good for Peyton to come back and help the team. Having people on the team who have graduated will make the freshmen think that they can come in here and graduate before their football career is over."

— Rob Hardin

Brad Lampley graduated with honors and was tops in Broadcasting with a 3.97 GPA.

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VOL FOOTBALL JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

Marcus Nash is counted on as a "go-to" guy for the 1997 Tennessee Volunteers.

(See Fulmer File, p. 8)

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., August 15, 1997 — The wait has been worth it. It's just about time, closer than you think. The Texas Tech game, the lidlifter for the 1997 football season will be here August 30. Game time is 7:30 p.m. (EDT).

ESPN will have the telecast and, as always, Bill Anderson and John Ward will be mikeside for their award-winning coverage of Vol football.

Here's a look at the schedule, with game times and media coverage as we know it.

Aug.	30	Texas Tech	Knoxville	7:30 p.m. ESPN
Sept.	6	UCLA	Pasadena	3:30 p.m. ABC
Sept.	20	Florida	Gainesville	3:30 p.m. CBS
Oct.	4	Mississippi	Knoxville	TBA
Oct.	11	Georgia	Knoxville	TBA
Oct.	18	Alabama	Birmingham	7 p.m. ESPN
Nov.	1	South Carolina	Knoxville	TBA
Nov.	8	Southern Miss.	Knoxville	4 p.m. VideoSeat
Nov.	15	Arkansas	Little Rock	TBA
Nov.	22	Kentucky	Lexington	TBA
Nov.	29	Vanderbilt	Knoxville	TBA

(All Times Eastern)

Vol Network Duo Celebrates 30th Anniversary

The legendary Vol Network broadcasting team of John Ward and Bill Anderson celebrate their 30th anniversary calling UT football this fall. Adored by millions, the duo has become as much a part of UT football as the color orange. Ward and Anderson are now the longest running tandem in Division 1-A college football.

Starting with the now-classic 17-17 tie in their Vol Network debuts, the duo has provided millions of Tennessee fans three decades of unforgettable memories. Ward and Anderson's immense popularity has propelled the Vol Network, known as the "Statewide Stadium," to become one of the nation's largest. The Network's 85 affiliates, broadcasting from five states, provides blanket coverage in Tennessee and a nighttime penetration into 28 states. The popularity of Ward and Anderson is, perhaps, most evident before each home game as a mass of Vol fans fill up one side of "The Hill" on the UT campus and surround the site of the "Kickoff Call In Show."

"VOL CALLS," THE POPULAR VOL NETWORK MONDAY NIGHT PRIME TIME TALK SHOW RETURNED TO THE AIR AUGUST 18 FOR 38 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS. THE SHOW AIRS ON OVER 50 VOL NETWORK STATIONS WITH NIGHTTIME PENETRATION INTO 28 STATES. COACH FULMER WILL BE A REGULAR GUEST ON THE ONE-HOUR SHOW. MAKE A "VOL CALL" BY DIALING 1 (800) 688-8657.

Phillip Fulmer Show Times and Stations

Vol fans across the state of Tennessee and the southeast for that matter can tune into "The Phillip Fulmer Show" for comprehensive in-depth coverage of Vol football. In the span of an hour, Vol fans are exposed to detailed game highlights, weekly player features, interviews, music videos, stats and expert analysis by the Vol head coach. Fulmer and Ward co-host the show, with Condredge Holloway reporting from the Vol locker room. Following are the 1997 "Phillip Fulmer Show" affiliates.

Market	Station	Time
Chattanooga	WTVC-TV	Sunday, 1 p.m. (ET)
Knoxville	WBIR-TV	Sunday, 9 a.m. (ET)
Memphis/Jackson	WPTY-TV	Sunday, 11 p.m. (CT)
Nashville	WKRN-TV	Sunday, 1 p.m. (CT)
Tri-Cities	WJHL	Sunday, 1 p.m. (ET)
Southeast	Fox Sports South	Tuesday, 7 p.m. (ET)

Internet or Phone Connections

Fans outside of listening range may listen to the Vol Network broadcast on

Audio Net: http://utsports.com. TEAMLINE USA is also available by dialing 1-800-846-4700, ext. 5405. Have your Visa or Mastercard ready.

Did you know that Ward and Bill Anderson's broadcast of the 1996 season opener versus UNLV set a record for the largest audience listening to a college sporting event on the Internet? Over 3,300 logged in and listened to Ward and Anderson's call on August 31, 1996. In addition, Tennessee has ranked first two out of the last three years in the number of people listening to football and basketball games over the telephone via TEAMLINE.

"Vol Calls" Back on the Air August 18

"Vol Calls," the popular Vol Network Monday night prime time talk show returned to the air August 18 for 38 consecutive weeks. The show airs on over 50 Vol Network stations with nighttime penetration into 28 states. Coach Fulmer will be a regular guest on the one-hour show. Make a "Vol Call" by dialing 1 (800) 688-8657.

Vols in the Polls

Here's a look at the way the Vols stack up in the preseason polls, SEC and nationally. Lindy's picks the Vols first in the East and first nationally. The College Sports News has the Vols fourth in the nation with no SEC pick. The Sporting News has the Vols second in the East and sixth in the nation. Street & Smith's has the Vols second in the East and seventh nationally. College Football has the Vols first in the East and seventh nationally. Athlon has Tennessee second in the East and ninth nationally. Football Action has the Vols first in the East, with no national pick. At the annual SEC Media Days, the Vols were chosen second in the East.

Preseason Honors

Peyton Manning was first team All-America and All-SEC by the Sporting News, College Football, Lindy's, Athlon, Street & Smith's and Football News. The Sporting News tabbed Manning as the SEC Player of the Year.

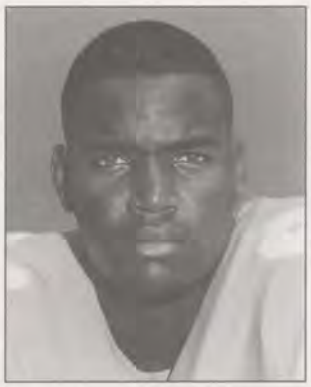
Leonard Little was an All-America and All-SEC selection by Lindy's and Athlon. Street & Smith's and Football News have him as a second team All-America. College Football, The Sporting News, Football Action and Football News have him as an All-SEC selection and The Sporting News tabs him the Defensive Player of the Year.

Marcus Nash is an honorable mention All-America by Street & Smith's and is an All-SEC pick by The Sporting News, College Football, Lindy's, Athlon and Street & Smith's.

Terry Fair is an honorable mention All-America by Street & Smith's, All-SEC by The Sporting News, College Football, Lindy's, Street & Smith's, Football Action and Football News.

Jeff Hall is an honorable mention All-America by Street & Smith's and an All-SEC selection by The Sporting News, College Football, Street & Smith's, Football Action and Football News. Lindy's tabs him a second team All-SEC selection.

Mercedes Hamilton was an All-SEC selection by College Football. Trey Teague was an All-SEC selection by College Football and Lindy's. Spencer Riley was tabbed second team All-SEC by The Sporting News. Raynoch Thompson was listed as Defensive Newcomer of the Year by The Sporting News.



Jonathan Brown (left) is counted on to continue his strong play at defensive end while Trey Teague (right) provides the Vols an All-SEC type performer at the critical center spot.

Athletic Facility Tours Available

Did you know that tours of the Vol athletic facilities are available for school and civic groups? You can make all the arrangements by calling Ellie Wilson at (423) 974-9765. The Tennessee Football Hall of Fame Exhibit in the Neyland-Thompson center is open daily at 10 a.m. and three hours before kickoff on game days.

Grass Is Back, Almost Everywhere

When Tennessee went back to a grass surface on Shields-Watkins Field three years ago (for the first time since 1967), the Vols were following a national trend.

Since 1993, the percentage of Division 1-A football stadiums with natural grass playing surfaces has increased rapidly, climbing from 52.8% in 1993 to 64.2% in 1996, according to an NCAA report.

Each school in the SEC has a grass field, excepting Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville. Alabama, Ole Miss, Arkansas, South Carolina and Florida joined Tennessee in having artificial turf and going back to grass.

In all, 69 of 112 Division 1-A football programs will play on natural surfaces at their primary facility in 1997.

For their part, the Vols will play all 11 games on natural surfaces, the second time in three years they have done so.

1996 Tennessee and Returning Player Statistics

Team Statistics 1996)

	Tenn.	Opponents
First Downs	**247**	**145**
Rushing	87	76
Passing	144	54
Penalty	16	15
Rushing Attempts	396	423
Yards Gained	1695	1587
Yards Lost	311	419
Net Yards Rushing	**1384**	**1168**
Net Yards Passing	**3396**	**1434**
Passes Attempted	399	285
Passes Completed	255	134
Had Intercepted	12	14
Total Offensive Plays	**795**	**708**
Total Net Yards	**4780**	**2602**
Average Gain	6.0	3.7
Fumbles-Lost	23-12	22-16
Penalties No-Yards	74-697	76-644
Punts-Average	49-40.0	82-42.0
Punt Returns-Yards	43-520	23-142
Kickoff Returns-Yards	32-697	57-1069
Int. Returns-Yards	14-225	12-275
Time of Possession	**30:05**	**29:55**
Third Down Conversions	68-156	42-166
Fourth Down Conversions	4-9	9-17
Sacks By	30	20

OPPONENTS	41	54	34	28	—	157
TENN	69	103	120	97	—	389

SCORING: Hall 77 (10-18 FG, 47-49 PAT), P. Price 24 (4 TD), McCullough 24 (4 TD), Levine 18 (3 TD), Manning 18 (3 TD), Nash 18 (3 TD), Fair 18 (3 TD), Copeland 12 (2 TD), Westmoreland 6 (1 TD), Duff 6 (1 TD), Bryson 6 (1 TD), Darden 6 (1 TD), Goodrich 6 (1 TD).

Rushing	**Att.**	**Gain**	**Lost**	**Net**	**TD**	**Long/Game**
Levine	43	205	5	200	3	16 (UNLV)
Darden	26	112	15	97	1	19 (MISS)
Bryson	18	94	0	94	1	42 (KY)
Copeland	17	98	26	72	2	30 (KY)
P. Price	2	66	0	66	1	54 (SC)
Edmonds	18	51	7	44	0	15 (UNLV)
Martin	12	37	23	14	0	14 (KY)
Manning	42	35	166	-131	3	13 (MEM)

Passing	**Att.**	**Comp.**	**Int.**	**Yards**	**TD**	**Long/Team**
Manning	380	243	12	3287	20	80 (KY)
Copeland	15	10	0	85	0	18 (KY)
Martin	4	2	0	24	0	13 (KY)

Receiving	**No.**	**Yards**	**TD**	**Long**
Nash	53	688	3	69 (UCLA)
P. Price	32	609	3	80 (KY)
McCullough	24	352	4	48 (SC)
Copeland	16	191	0	30 (MEM)
Diogu	2	10	0	6 (UNLV)
Shuler	4	21	0	13 (ARK)
Corby	2	21	0	11 (UNLV)
Bryson	2	10	0	6 (UNLV)
Edmonds		1	-2	0 -

All	**Punts**			**Kickoffs**			**Int.**		
Returns	**No.**	**Yds.**	**LP**	**No.**	**Yds.**	**LP**	**No.**	**Yds.**	**LP**
Fair	29	486	86	3	57	23	4	94	56
Levine				17	431	61			
P. Price	3	7	5	5	91	25			
Westmoreland	3	53	19						
Bryson				2	45	24			
Edmonds				2	20	12			
Copeland	11	113	30						
Goodrich							2	45	45

Fulmer File...

PRESEASON MEDIA CONFERENCE, AUGUST 9, 1997

(EDITOR'S NOTE: A look at comments from Coach Phillip Fulmer's media conference of Aug. 9 presaging the beginning of fall drills.)

Everyone is present and accounted for, which is a good sign with a football team. They seem to be in good shape and ready to go. They've had a good summer.

There are experienced people at a number of positions, which is a plus to set a tempo for the team. We obviously have some question marks at running back and tight end and with depth at linebacker.

"THE RUNNING BACK POSITION STILL NEEDS SOMEBODY TO STEP UP. I AM ANXIOUS TO SEE WHERE BRIAN DARDEN IS. IT'S EXCITING TO HAVE SOME FRESHMEN WHO CAN MOVE IN WITH THIS GROUP. WE NEED TO BE MORE PHYSICAL ON OFFENSE, AND THAT'S UP TO THE LINE. OUR ABILITY TO PROTECT THE QUARTERBACK IS GOING TO BE VERY IMPORTANT."

— PHILLIP FULMER

There are still concerns about the status of a couple of people. It is nothing short of a miracle where Peerless Price is. But there is still work to be done as far as strength and regaining his speed are concerned. I don't want to get too far ahead of ourselves in what we're dealing with. Peerless has done a great job, and there's a real chance he will be ready for the first game week. Tee Martin has responded well to his knee surgery, and we expect him back the week we prepare for Texas Tech.

I hope Anthony Hampton will stay on the positive track where he is right now. He's an example of a young man who has made a mistake, learned a lesson about life and earned a second chance and then made the most of it. That would be the key. The easiest thing for him and us would have been to just run from a problem, transfer and go away. He seems to be sincere in his efforts to turn his life around, mature as a man and become a productive person, student and football player. Anthony was exiled from football from April 1996 until August 1997, basically 16 months. He missed two spring practices and 12 games. He pushed himself through suspension, community service, academic requirements, professional counseling and on-going counseling and continues to be accountable for the embarrassment he brought on himself, his family, his teammates and coaches and the university. It was a tough plan set in place for him to follow to see if he really wanted to be part of this football team, be a better person and give himself a chance to make it in life. For his sake, I hope he does make it, and I wish him nothing but success. With that, I am not really anxious to talk about Anthony Hampton any more except as a football player.

Dominique Stevenson is one of our partial qualifiers. There is a validation process going on with Andre Lott. He could be a partial qualifier if his score is not allowed. DeAngelo Lloyd has not arrived. He's still working on a Clearinghouse issue. Terdell Sands is going to Southwest Mississippi Junior College. Hopefully, he'll be back with us later.

We've talked a lot about keeping our focus, maximizing our strengths and minimizing our weaknesses, to be as good a football team as we can be. We want to maintain our ability to be multiple on offense and in our aggressive style.

Not enough can be said about Peyton Manning's integrity and character. He made a great statement about college football, the University of Tennessee and our football program.

The offensive line really struggled last year. They improved and were doing better at the end of the season. They should, by normal progress, be a strength of our football team. Wide receivers should also be a strength for us. Young people like Eric Parker and some other freshmen must step up. At this point I don't know what we're going to do at tight end. We will look at our personnel and overcome our problem.

Running back still needs somebody to step up. I am anxious to see where Brian Darden is. It's exciting to have some freshmen who can move in with this group. We need to be more physical on offense, and that's up to the line. Our ability to protect the quarterback is going to be very important.

Defensively, we want to continue the track we found last year and build on the turnover-creating attitude we had. We want to continue playing a lot of people. We want to establish the line of scrimmage, which becomes a concern when we move Leonard Little from end to linebacker. We need to be better pass rushers and increase our sacks.

At linebacker, with Leonard there, I don't know of many more athletic groups. The secondary has three seniors and some youngsters there in the mix. At left cornerback, it's wide open, whether it's Dwayne Goodrich, Gerald Griffin or Steve Johnson. Jeff Hall seems to be well and is kicking the ball exceptionally well. We'll have a young punter in David Leaverton, if he wins the job.

The schedule is demanding. We emphasize playing them one at a time at a high level of intensity, starting with Texas Tech. We have total of 82 players on scholarship.

—Phillip Fulmer

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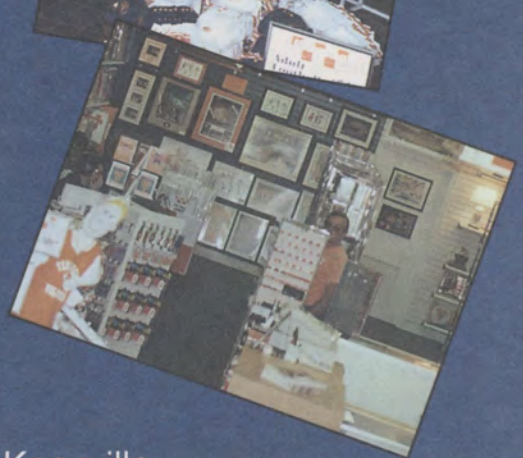

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Ben Byrd on the Vols
A Look at Season Openers

Season opening football games are often packed with thrills, but they can also be fraught with peril. I have long regarded them as one of the more dangerous junctures in the entire campaign.

A lusty win, especially over a favored foe, can catapult a team onto dizzy heights. But a defeat that is snatched from the jaws of victory can drain the blood out of a team that is struggling to gain higher ground. That has been the case in several Tennessee openers, I'm sure, but one seems to stick out above the others.

I don't know that anyone can ever be sure how much the 16-15 loss to Georgia on the night of Sept. 6, 1980, cost John Majors' rebuilding program, but it was plenty. It was not just that they lost the game, but the way that they lost it that stunned a Vol team that played so heroically against superior forces.

First, let's go into a bit of background. Majors had taken over in 1977 and had led his charges up the ladder in small but steady steps, from 4-7 to 5-5-1 to 7-4 in 1979, which won them a trip to the Bluebonnet Bowl where they lost to Purdue. There weren't enough good players on hand yet, but there were some very gifted ones, like tackle Tim Irwin and wide receivers Anthony Hancock, Willie Gault and Mike Miller. A win over Georgia would do much to convince the young Vols they belonged in center court.

Meanwhile, Georgia was ushering in an historic era of its own. Freshman halfback Herschel Walker, the most celebrated football recruit of the age, was to make his debut against the Vols and, through the first 20 minutes of play, every eye in Neyland Stadium kept flickering back to the Georgia bench, to see when big No. 34 was going to shuck off his warmups and join the fray.

Tennessee probably precipitated Walker's entrance by its own good play. With junior quarterback Jeff Olszewski right on target, the Vols struck for touchdowns in the second and third quarters, including a 36-yard pass to Miller. With a safety the Vols owned a 15-0 lead in the third quarter when Vol sophomore defensive back Bill Bates, who somehow seemed destined to be in the wrong place at the wrong time on this night, fumbled a Georgia punt and the ball skittered through the Vol end zone for a safety. That made it 15-2 and set the stage for Walker's heroics.

Big Herschel's smashing runs lead Georgia down the field after they had taken possession following the safety. At the Tennessee 16, the Georgia freshman broke loose on one of the most memorable touchdown runs Shields-Watkins Field had ever seen. He broke past the line of scrimmage, full tilt, and Bates was waiting for him, in perfect tackling posture a few yards downfield. There was a mammoth collision, although Walker didn't seem to notice. Bates was left flat on the turf, but Herschel didn't even slow down. He banged into a couple of other Vol defenders with the same result before barging into the end zone.

Let's say this for Bill Bates, he got up, literally and figuratively, to finish a distinguished UT career and then go on to a wonderful NFL career with the Dallas Cowboys that has now reached 15 seasons.

With Walker now leading the charge, Georgia took a 16-15 lead into the game's closing pages, but the Vols were to have one last, seemingly undeniable, chance to win the game. With less than four minutes left to play, Tennessee was at the Georgia five yard line, first and goal. Majors naturally wanted to run some time off the clock before trying a field goal, if a touchdown had not happened, and so the Vols sent their tailback, Glenn Ford, surging into the line. He fumbled at the three, Georgia recovered and the Vols could not mount another threat. The quiet that fell over the stadium when Ford fumbled was one of the loudest hushes these ears have ever heard.

To make things worse, the same sort of tragedy struck the following Saturday night when the Vols, rallying behind QB Steve Alatorre, came from way back to tie mighty Southern Cal at 17 in the final period, but had a potential game winning drive stopped by an interception at midfield with just over a minute left. Eric Hipp then nailed a 47-yard field goal as time ran out to give the Trojans a 20-17 victory.

Georgia moved on from that opening game 17 years ago to the schools only national championship. Tennessee, riddled by injuries as well as ill fortune, wound up the season 5-6, and the reconstruction program had to wait another year. If you think the Texas Tech game isn't a big one, Hoss, talk to some of the 1980 Vols.

Former Vol

Jeff Francis (1985-88)

Jeff Francis came to the Vols from Mt. Prospect, Ill., and, at the completion of his career, stood tall on the Vol record books.

Entering 1997, Francis is third on the Vols' all-time passing list, completing 476 of 768 passes for 5867 yards and 31 TDs. he had 27 completions against Kentucky in the rain in 1988, 27 against Alabama in 1987 and 25 against Georgia in 1988.

He led the Vols in passing and total offense in 1986-88 and won the Bill Majors Award in 1988, given to the Vol who "best exemplifies the dedication toward football displayed by Bill Majors, a Tennessee player and coach, who died in 1965." He was voted the outstanding back on the 1988 Vol squad. He was MVP of the 1986 Liberty Bowl, a 21-14 Vol win over Minnesota.

Francis now lives in Knoxville and is a bond broker with First Tennessee Bank. He and his wife, Kathy, have three children, Christian, Ryan and Keeghan.

Jeff Francis ranks among the Vols' best signal-callers.

A Road Trip to East Tennessee

Spending the amount of time that we do in the Sports Information Office with the athletes that we see perform every day does not necessarily mean we get to know them personally.

Recently I had the chance to travel with five unique individuals. On the trip to Elizabethton High School, I had a chance to get to know Leonard Little, Jonathan Brown ("JB"), Jeff Hall, Laurie (it is really Laura, however, and more on that later) and Kellie Jolly.

These athletes were going to Elizabethton to take part in an alumni function in the Tri-Cities area. What they talked about and what I learned about them was as much not surprising as it was humanizing, because so often people forget that these athletes are people and they have lives and interests outside the lines.

When we started out of the Gibbs Hall parking lot, they began talking about their injuries and how many surgeries they had. I felt like we should be riding in a Red Cross van with the markings to match on the outside. Between the five athletes, they had at least eight surgeries, with each one having at least one surgery, ranging from arthoscopic knee surgery to back surgery, with each one telling how they have persevered and have been able continue to play despite the possibility that the next injury could be the end of their careers. Yet, the discussion was never negative. They spoke like it came with the territory of playing sports.

As for Jonathan and Leonard, they were asleep before we got out of Knox County. We would not hear much from them until we reached the Carter County line. That was all right, because I learned a lot from them by how they handled themselves during the next three hours in front of the fans who had come to see them. I must mention that they had just finished their workout for the day prior to leaving for Elizabethton and they were quite exhausted.

I saw Jonathan's face light up as kids came by to ask for a picture or an autograph. He really seemed to work well with the kids. Leonard also seemed to enjoy every minute as he sat signing autographs and getting his picture taken with people of every age. A big smile would come to his face as a person would want a picture of them hugging Leonard or just standing next to him.

As for Jeff, he and Laurie talked the whole way up there about their classes, both were taking almost the exact same ones. Jeff also spoke of his apartment and what it meant to him being able to live off campus. He spoke of the high cathedral ceilings and the relative tranquility of the apartment where he lives.

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This Week In Big Orange Country

Hoops Season Already Here

The Vol hoopsters have become globetrotters as they left Knoxville August 12 on their way to Europe for six games against international competition. The Vols played European professional teams under international rules, but the experience proved positive for the Vols as they prepare for the upcoming season under first-year coach Jerry Green.

"Probably as important as the games are for us is the practices we will get in before the trip," Green said. "We're going to install a brand new system. I think it will be kind of an introductory period for both the players and our staff. We won't have to introduce it when we start Oct. 18 to begin the season except for the two incoming freshmen."

The Vols have had only 10 days of practice under Green and these early games should help the Vols adjust to Green's up-tempo style of play before they open the regular season. The Vols will also have two exhibition games at Thompson-Boling Arena, before opening play against Winthrop here in Knoxville. Counting the exhibition games the Vols will play their 10 games at home, before going on the road against Memphis and Southern California. The Vols open Southeastern Conference play January 3 in Gainesville against Florida.

The Vols return four starters and nine lettermen from last year's 11-16 (4-12 SEC) squad that started as many as four freshmen in some outings last season. Two incoming signees. Tony Harris and Del Baker, and a talented redshirt freshman, Isiah Victor, join the returnees to form this year's squad. None of these three players were eligible to play on the European trip.

1997-98 Tennessee Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Tue./Nov. 4	CALIFORNIA ALL-STARS(Exh.)	KNOXVILLE	7:30 PM
Sun./Nov. 9	MARATHON (Exh.)	KNOXVILLE	4:00 PM
Fri./Nov. 14	WINTHROP	KNOXVILLE	7:30 PM
Mon./Nov. 17	MIAMI (OHIO)	KNOXVILLE	7:30 PM
Wed./Nov. 19	UNC-ASHEVILLE	KNOXVILLE	7:30 PM
Sun./Nov. 23	AUSTIN PEAY	KNOXVILLE	2:00 PM
Fri./Nov. 28	APPALACHIAN STATE	KNOXVILLE	7:30 PM
Tue./Dec. 2	TENNESSEE TECH	KNOXVILLE	7:30 PM
Sun./Dec. 7	WOFFORD	KNOXVILLE	2:00 PM
Tue./Dec. 9	ST. JOSEPH'S	KNOXVILLE	7:30 PM
Sat./Dec. 20	Memphis	Memphis	8:00 PM
Tue./Dec. 30	Southern California	Los Angeles	10:00 PM
Sat./Jan. 3	Florida	Gainesville	7:00 PM
Wed./Jan. 7	AUBURN	KNOXVILLE	7:30 PM
Sat./Jan. 10	Vanderbilt	Nashville	8:30 PM
Sat./Jan. 17	MISSISSIPPI	KNOXVILLE	7:30 PM
Wed./Jan. 21	South Carolina	Columbia	8:00 PM
Sat./Jan. 24	KENTUCKY	KNOXVILLE	7:30 PM
Wed./Jan. 28	Alabama	Tuscaloosa	8:00 PM
Sat./Jan. 31	LSU	Baton Rouge	8:00 PM
Wed./Feb. 4	GEORGIA	KNOXVILLE	7:30 PM
Sat./Feb. 7	SOUTH CAROLINA	KNOXVILLE	1:00 PM
Wed./Feb. 11	Kentucky	Lexington	8:00 PM
Sat./Feb. 14	ARKANSAS	KNOXVILLE	7:30 PM
Tue./Feb. 17	Mississippi State	Starkville	9:30 PM
Sat./Feb. 21	VANDERBILT	KNOXVILLE	7:30 PM
Wed./Feb. 25	FLORIDA	KNOXVILLE	7:30 PM
Sat./Feb. 28	Georgia	Athens	4:00 PM
Mar. 5-8	SEC TOURNAMENT	Atlanta	TBA

All Times Eastern & Subject to Change

Chris Jestila is a returning member of the Lady Vol volleyball team.

Charles Hathaway enters 1997-98 as a key figure in Vol plans.

Patrick Takes over Program

A man with a successful record as a volleyball coach and player, Rob Patrick begins his first season as the head coach of the Lady Volunteers. His mission is to build a "Blueprint For The Future" and restore Tennessee volleyball to its former stature as a national contender.

In his first month on the job, Patrick has already been hard at work in surveying the nation's volleyball talent. He and his staff have made recruiting highly-skilled players a top priority, and they've backed that goal up by hitting the road in search of future Lady Vols.

Patrick joins the UT program after spending the past three seasons as an assistant with national powerhouse Stanford. From 1994-96, he helped lead the Cardinal to a combined 92-6 record and two NCAA championships, including a 1996 title game victory over Hawaii. During that stint, Stanford never lost a home match en route to participating in the 1995 NCAA Final Four and winning three consecutive PAC-10 championships.

He was a major reason for Stanford's success because of his work on the recruiting front. He was instrumental in the Cardinal's freshman class being ranked second in the nation by prep and volleyball magazines in 1996 and was there to help reel in the country's top class in 1994. Included in those two recruiting hauls were the 1994 and 1996 high school volleyball players of the year.

In daily activities, Patrick assisted in formulating practice plans, running drills and working on the skill development of players. During his three years at Stanford, he trained the 1994 and 1995 national players of the year, the 1994 and 1996 national freshmen of the year, 10 All-Americas and 14 All PAC-10 selections. He also coached five players who were chosen to the 1995 U.S. Olympic Festival teams and two players who were picked to play for the USA National "B" team.

As a competitor, Patrick was a standout indoors and on the beach circuit. He played collegiately at Miami (Ohio) University and remained active in tournament competitions through the past several years. He twice earned United States Volleyball Association All-America distinction and has a AAA beach rating.

Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, Patrick also played football in college. He served as president of the volleyball club during his last two years at MU and received his bachelor's degree in business, with emphasis in accountancy, from Miami in 1983. In addition to his coaching pursuits, Patrick worked as a financial consultant in the real estate field, and he served as vice president of a large home-building company for three years before beginning his coaching duties at Stanford.

—Brad Laux

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The conversations between Jeff, Laurie and Kelly also included the tough schedules and the work they were doing during summer school. There was also talk of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA). They talked about whether to go to the WNBA or the Women's Basketball League (WBL) and how glad they were to have adidas supplying their shoes.

The real fun came after we left Elizabethton. Jonathan and Leonard went back to sleep, but Jeff, Laurie and Kelly remained awake, cutting up and telling stories. The question was asked "What was the strangest thing they had ever signed?" Jeff never did chime in with a response, but as for Laurie and Kellie their responses were unique.

I also learned that Kellie wants to learn to rope cattle after she is finished playing basketball. She said her uncle would not teach her until then because he did not want to get in trouble with Pat Summitt should something bad happen. Kellie loves to ride horses and she and Laurie reflected on their trip to Kellie's parents house a while back.

What about Laurie? Being from Oregon she had not seen the display of a lightning storm that we saw on our way back to Knoxville. Thinking about it, I remember my brief three month stint in Oregon and I don't recall ever seeing a thunderstorm quite like the one that we saw that night. Jeff also posed the question about the pronunciation of her name. Was it Laurie or Laura? Laurie said her real name is actually "Laura" but that her parents have always called her Laurie. Laurie also can not wait to get the go ahead from the training staff to return to running. Her recovery from knee surgery is progressing, but she said she will never be able to ride the mountain bike like she used to, something that she really enjoyed. She said she missed riding her bike to class since most of her classes were on the Hill.

One of the most memorable parts of the trip came when Jeff, Laurie and Kellie began a little education lesson about pronunciation of words with a twist of Tennessee accent. Words like "pin, pen and pencil" and "yellow," all came out different depending on who was speaking. You never really thought about it much until you examined what is actually being said. Something as simple as pronunciation became a comical adventure.

Thanks to the driving of Amy Williams of the UT Alumni Affairs Office, we made it back through the tropical downpour without a hitch. We all learned a lot about each other that night. I again was reminded that no matter how people view the athletes on the field or on the court, they are people with their own individuality and their own goals and their own problems. Remembering that sports is not their entire lifelong goal goes a long way into understanding who they are as people. What a wonderful educational experience I had. My thanks goes to them for allowing me to share in their lives, even if for a brief few moments.

—Donnell Field

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VASF 10-Year Highlights

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* Annual giving has increased from $6000,000 to $7.3 million

* New baseball and tennis facilities have been constructed

* Approximately 10,000 new priority seats have been added to Neyland Stadium

* Nathan Dougherty Society established in 1996 to help fund endowed scholarships. Membership in the society requires a $125,000 commitment paid over a maximum of 10 years.

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Parking and Construction Update

A reminder that Neyland Drive will be under heavy construction during football season and is down to one lane each way off the James White Parkway extension to Neyland Drive. There will be no parking on Neyland Drive due to construction.

Recreational vehicle parking will be available at the UT Agricultural Campus Friday night of game weekends after 6 P.M. There will be no RV parking permitted on Volunteer Boulevard or Neyland Drive.

Basketball Bonanza

The VASF would like to congratulate Coach Jerry Green and his staff on their hard work and success. There will be MIDNIGHT MADNESS in Thompson-Boling Arena featuring the Men's and Women's Basketball Teams on October 17, at 10:30 p.m.. This will be the Vol fans first opportunity to see both squads practice. The 1997-98 basketball season ticket applications have been sent out to the VASF donors. There are full season ($176) and Big Game Packs ($40) available. If you did not get one or need an application, call the UT Ticket Office at (423) 656-1200.

Knoxville Quarterback Club Schedule

The meetings for the Knoxville Quarterback Club will begin Aug. 29, with ESPN's Ron Franklin as the featured speaker. Programs will continue through Dec. 1. Cost of membership is $100, $80 for senior citizens. Weekly meals are $8.

Other speakers include former Georgia Southern football coach Erk Russell (Sept. 8), Dr. Jerry Punch of ESPN (Sept. 15), Tim Brando of CBS/Jefferson Pilot (Sept. 22), Chris Fowler of ESPN (Sept. 29), Todd Blackledge of ABC (Oct. 6), Rudy Martzke of USA Today (Oct. 13), Gil Brandt, NFL Scout (Oct. 20), UT assistant football coaches (Oct. 27), Archie Manning (Nov. 3), UT basketball coach Jerry Green (Nov. 10), UT Lady Vol head coach Pat Summitt (Nov. 17), national recruiting advisor Bobby Burton (Nov. 24), and UT head football coach Phillip Fulmer (Dec. 1).

VASF Office Open on Game Days

The VASF Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on game days this fall.

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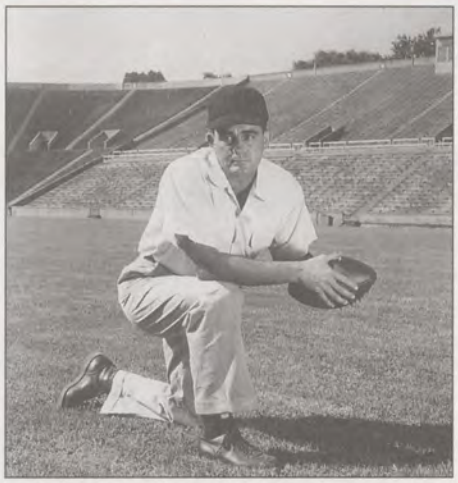
The T-Club swings back into action for another year of exciting activities and gatherings. First, the T-Club would like to thank outgoing president Lloyd Richardson on an outstanding job and for his efforts to help promote more involvement from former Vol and Lady Vol athletes. As Richardson leaves office, there are over 1100 Vol lettermen on the rolls.

Taking over for Richardson is Pat Shires, Vol tailback and placekicker on the 1950-53 teams. Shires led the Vol squad in punting in 1952 with an average of 35.4, with his longest punt being 54 yards. Shires has been serving as president-elect. Shires will be joined by a new set of club officers, which we will update for you in our next issue.

Thanksgiving Weekend Festivities

During the weekend of November 29, the T-Club will host its annual Lettermen's Weekend. Full details have not been set, but we will give you a full list of activities as soon as everything is in place.



Bowden Wyatt won conference titles at three different schools on his way to induction in the College Footbal Hall of Fame as a coach.

At this point, the festivities will surround the final home game for the Vol football squad with a meeting against state rival Vanderbilt. The weekend begins on Friday, and that will give you a chance to catch the 1997-98 Vol cagers in action as they take on Appalachian State at Thompson-Boling Arena. More details will be forthcoming.

Looking for Volunteers

With only 1100 former Vols on the current role of the T-Club, there are still many Vols out there who are not members. Some may not even be aware that there is a T-Club for them. If you know of someone, contact or have them contact Judy Constantine at (423) 974-9054.

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College Hall of Fame Enshrinement

During the weekend of August 15-16, the College Hall of Fame held its annual festival. The festival is for all of those members that were inducted into the Hall of Fame last December. Former Vol John Michels (1950-52) was among those attending. Michels, as you may remember, was among an illustrious group inducted last December.

Coming this December, another former Vol will be honored. Former Vol player (1936-38) and coach Bowden Wyatt (1955-62) will be inducted into the Hall, but this time as a coach. He will become only the third person to be enshrined both as a player and coach. Wyatt will join another former Vol, Bobby Dodd, and the legendary Amos Alonzo Stagg, both of whom were inducted previously as players and coaches.

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Volunteer Profile...

NEW LEADER OF THE BAND

(Editor's Note: Volunteers magazine editor Tom Mattingly met with new "Pride of the Southland Band" director Gary Sousa on August 6 to get an idea of what was in store for the "Pride" this year and in the years to come. After the obligatory question about a possible family tie to the famed "March King," John Phillip Sousa (there is none), we asked about his early time in Knoxville and what he sees for the band program at UT. Sousa did offer that there might be a Sousa march or two, the "National Emblem March" perhaps, in the pregame show and quickly gave credit to Gary Schallert, his associate band director for the idea.)

VOLUNTEERS: How will fans see your influence on the band?

SOUSA: I am starting a little late this year, because I did not get started until July 1. A lot of the legwork has already been done. Gary Schallert and Jay Romines, who were here last year, have done some great work to get ready for the season.

Director of Bands Gary Sousa heads up a program which has maintained a long-standing reputation as one of the nation's finest musical organizations.

As far as the halftimes are concerned, a lot of it was already planned before I even walked in the door. You will see similar things from the past that have been done at halftime.

VOLUNTEERS: What about the awe-inspiring pre-game show, considered by many the finest in the country?

SOUSA: As far as the pregame goes, it will always stay the same. It is such a fine tradition. But there will be a lot more different kinds of music played and more interaction between what is going on on the field and how the band is relating to the fans.

I grew up as an athlete and my children are athletes and I know what fans can do as far as the energy level of the performance. I think the band is integral to developing the energy in the stadium.

VOLUNTEERS: How do you get the fans involved?

SOUSA: A lot of has to do with timing. Timing is so incredibly important to get fans to react to certain things on the field, either good or bad. When the team might be having problems, that's when the team needs the crowd to be attentive to what is going on. When something happens to turn the game around, we need to get the fans involved. That will be the biggest difference, to get the fans more actively involved in the game.

VOLUNTEERS: What are your marching orders for the band, so to speak?

SOUSA: I've spent a lot of time talking to people on campus. One concern is the traditions. I certainly believe in traditions and traditions are part of what makes the "Pride of the Southland Marching Band" so well-known across the state and nationally. Dr. Julian did a lot to develop that during his 33 years here. There was concern that I was going to dabble with the traditions. There is concern that some pieces are played too often. People want to know if the band knows any other tunes. We have had meetings to discuss what our traditions are and what we are going to do.

I have talked with Pat Summitt, Doug Dickey and Dr. Johnson about their concerns about the basketball Pep Band. It is an easy fix. A faculty member will be in charge of that now instead of a graduate student. Sometimes I think the band program feels so worn out after football season, that everybody goes into a survival mode. But every aspect of athletics is under the spotlight.

VOLUNTEERS: What will your influence on the band be?

SOUSA: Bands do change. We are working on some projects that will have more of my signature on it. By the end of the season people will know what my bands look like.

VOLUNTEERS: What is your philosophy about creating the kind of band you want?

SOUSA: I believe in hard work, dedication and focus of students. I am a teacher and that is why I got into this in the first place. I believe in teaching students. I also believe in giving them responsibility and holding them responsible for what they do. I believe in tradition in that these kids understand what the traditions are and know what the "Pride of the Southland" is all about. I believe in a lot of enthusiasm and in discipline. My feeling is that discipline is energy and enthusiasm. You have to have that discipline to push yourself to your limits. A lot of what people are looking for now is leadership.

VOLUNTEERS: How have people reacted to you since you've been here?

SOUSA: I was on with Mike Keith on WNOX and had a great time. I answered questions for 45 minutes and the listeners kept calling about the band after I left.

VOLUNTEERS: Comment on your relationship with Dr. Julian.

SOUSA: I have known Dr. Julian for about 17 years because in that period of time he was involved in many of the national organizations

that I was involved with as a young member. We have a great relationship. He has been a great supporter of me and has been enthusiastic about getting this program back on track and headed in the right direction. When you invest that amount of time in anything, you really want it to have a good life. I think he feels good about it. Everybody is a little careful at the beginning of a relationship, but he has been wonderful and supportive. He really wants the program to be the best it can be.

VOLUNTEERS: What did you think about this job when you found out it was open?

SOUSA: In any profession, especially in the college market, jobs come open every year. This year there was really two big jobs that come open. Cincinnati, because of its music school, and Tennessee. I got my doctorate at Ohio State and that is the kind of institution that I wanted to be a part of. I went to Baylor, and Baylor is a first class institution. There is no question about that. I was an associate director and then went to Sam Houston State as director. It was a Division 1-AA. It was a good institution, but was a regional school. So when this job came open, it was the prime position in the country. This is an academic position so you get tenure and everything like that and can stay here forever. This kind of opportunity does not happen very often. This is a great job.

VOLUNTEERS: Comment on the overall role of the band program on campus and what you see for its future.

SOUSA: The athletic portion of this program is one of the premier in the country. In the concert area, we have a lot of work to do. We need to develop a stronger graduate program. We need to recruit the premiere students in the state. That is the other half of this job that is very challenging. Right now we are losing very good music students to other institutions. Recruiting music students is just as competitive as athletics. A good music student is heavily recruited.

VOLUNTEERS: What are some of your other challenges here?

SOUSA: We are going to work hard to get this facility to be first class. Everyone knows this and we are committed to work on it. It is an issue. When Tennessee is recruiting an athlete, there are some pretty nice things to entice them. The concert level of the band is probably not as recognized, as the "Pride of the Southland Band" is. The key to making the band better is improve the quality of the students in the band, and part of getting the top students is having quality facilities.

VOLUNTEERS: What is the status of the band right now and, not coincidentally, how many times have you heard "Rocky Top?"?

SOUSA: The band is headed into the right direction and looking toward the future. We have a great past and we are looking forward to moving into the future.

I have heard "Rocky Top" a few times. We played it at Baylor. This is the 25th anniversary of it and we are looking at doing something in honor of that.

VOLUNTEERS: How would you compare Tennessee and Ohio State, the school at which you received your masters and doctorate?

SOUSA: The activity on the Ohio State campus is very similar to a Saturday in Knoxville. They do a huge performance in the arena and then go to the stadium.

Most of the tradition involving this band begins when the band leaves here to go to the stadium and what it does before the game.

VOLUNTEERS: What are your thoughts about the band's role at a game?

SOUSA: For one person at the game the most exciting thing may be the band, and that is what is great about college athletics. Everybody gets excited about something whether it is the defensive line or the head majorette. What we do is positive and people feel good about the excitement the band brings. Music is very powerful and to be part of that is exciting.

VOLUNTEERS: How do you feel about the upcoming season?

SOUSA: I am not nervous now, but I will be. I know what this band can do. I have incredible faith in the faculty and students. This band has such a great past and tradition, so it will have to be fun.

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Blueprint for the Future

The young group of skilled laborers otherwise known as the Tennessee Lady Volunteer volleyball team constructed one of the nation's biggest turnarounds in 1996. Now, with a new coach and a winning attitude, the Lady Vols are looking to take the next step as they design a "Blueprint for the Future."

An innovative new architect with a portfolio of success arrives in the form of head coach Rob Patrick, who had previously been a key business associate with a major national volleyball powerhouse. Patrick will be trying his hand at a new site, as he attempts to figure out the proper dimensions necessary to produce an eye-opening and durable structure.

He will inherit a Lady Vol team which adds a pair of newcomers and returns 11 letterwinners from last year's edition. Tennessee's solid field work resulted in a 17-16 record which marked a 10-match improvement from the previous campaign.

In the schematics phase, Patrick and his staff will brainstorm on what type of specs will be used to see the job through. His experience and top-notch recruiting ability will be a major asset in this department, as he has two national championships to his credit as an assistant coach. Assistant coach Kim Zenner has been with the Lady Vol program for six years and knows the personnel, while new assistant Sherry Dunbar's West Coast style should help Patrick lay out a diverse foundation.

When the project reaches the construction document stage, a closer look at all of the details will be necessary. UT has the benefit of employing a pair of dynamic outside hitters to add a little muscle to the job. Junior Kelly Hanlon has already become a fixture in the Lady Vol record books, as she was named to the All-SEC second team last season for the second straight year. The Aurora, Colo., native led the Lady Vols in kills (493), digs (323), total attempts (1,312), service aces (34), and games played (123), and she was named to three all-tournament teams throughout the course of the season.

Sophomore Chris Jestila, meanwhile, followed in Hanlon's footsteps by making a huge impact as a freshman. Jestila ranked right behind Hanlon in kills (442), digs (279), total attempts (1,187), and service aces (30), joining her partner as the only two Lady Vols to hammer out more than 400 kills.

Also aiding the cause at outside hitter will be senior Kerry Ginter, one of the team's most effective utility players. Ginter, who started last season as a setter, played in all 33 matches and eventually returned to her natural position on the outside. The Portage, Mich., native served up 24 aces and was usually Tennessee's first player off the bench.

Junior Lynn Lovingier was a key role player in 1996, as she finished fifth on the team in digs (206), while classmate Kim Obiala saw limited action but was one of UT's more efficient hitters (.424). Sophomore Lauren Clayton, a native Knoxvillian, walked on to the team last year and won a spot for her workhorse mentality, while newcomer Beth Zarestky will provide added depth for UT at the position.

A quartet of middle blockers will also put in quite a few hours on-site. Junior Mary Heinecke will lead the charge after a sensational sophomore season, in which she found a home at a new position. The Irvine, Calif., native led the Lady Vols in block assists (107) and total blocks (126), while tying for second in digs (279) and placing third in kills (232).

Senior Courtney Huettemann will also be a force after making a strong comeback last season. The 6-2 Huettemann, who had missed the entire 1995 campaign with a shoulder injury, led UT in solo blocks (21) and ranked second overall in total blocks (118) while banging out over 200 kills.

Sophomore Mindy Britten, out of Karlstad, Minn., saw more playing time as the year progressed and may gain even more experience this season. The final Lady Vol who will see plenty of action in the middle, 6-2 Ariana Wilson, arrives in Knoxville with impressive credentials. The Cincinnati, Ohio, native was an all-state performer who has the ability to make an immediate contribution.

The last two players in the mix, setters Christy Warren and Allison Stricklin, will bear some heavy responsibilities on the job. Warren enters her third season after an

Junior setter Christy Warren will be a major factor in the Lady Vol success in 1997

encouraging sophomore campaign in which she posted the fifth-highest single-season assist total (1,287) in Lady Vol history. The Salem, Ore., native showed her versatility by placing second on the team in service aces (30) and fourth in blocks (73).

Warren will be joined by Allison Stricklin, who returns to the team after sitting out the entire 1996 campaign. Stricklin will not be short on experience, as she was UT's starting setter in 1994 and 1995, and has amassed better than 1,000 career assists.

"Christy Warren is a very athletic setter," Patrick said. "She has been starting since her freshman year, so her experience and abilities will help this team.

The bidding stage of the project will be a severe test of the Lady Vols' mettle. Tennessee will be looking to improve upon last season's record, but there are several other interested parties who may have something to say about it.

Aside from facing the traditional SEC rivals such as Florida, South Carolina, Georgia and Arkansas, the Lady Vols will encounter some pretty tough competition on the non-conference scene. In fact, each of the three teams Tennessee will play in the Arby's Tournament in Lincoln, Neb., was ranked in the top 25 at some point last season.

In all, the Lady Vols will go up against six teams which appeared in the 1996 NCAA Tournament, and two of those (Florida and Nebraska) advanced all the way to the "Final Four". Five other opponents on this year's schedule posted 20 or more victories last season. Thus, Patrick's troops will have to prepare for a tough day at work each and every time they step on the floor.

"Our preseason schedule will allow us to play a lot of people as well as test us against nationally ranked teams," Patrick noted. "I expect Nebraska and Ohio State to be in the top 10, and Oral Roberts and Oklahoma in the top 25 of the preseason polls, so I will see very quickly where we are as a team.

"Once SEC play begins, we should be prepared to face tough competition night in, night out," Patrick said. "I expect Florida to again be among the top 10 teams in the country, while Arkansas and South Carolina have each been to the NCAA Tournament recently."

Once the actual construction begins, Patrick will be relying on a multitude of factors to come together. In order for the Lady Vols to build a foundation for the future, they will have to be strong in several areas. Patrick intends to evaluate each position and take the necessary steps to mold them in his fashion.

Whether it comes in the form of exceptional setting, a new middle blocking scheme with the arrival of Wilson, or the continued shaping of a tough outside hitting duo, there will be no on-the-job breaks. Patrick wants to insure that all of his key factors execute the plan to perfection.

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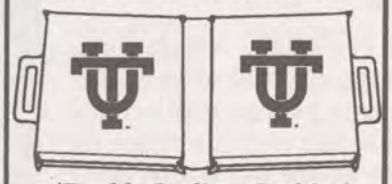

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Production is limited to 5000 pieces.

"When you limit the production, you enhance the value of the figurine," Richardson said. "Of course people buy it because they love the real stadium, but when you limit the number, it creates a greater value. At the early rate of sale (Caster-Knott in Nashville has re-ordered 1000 after selling the initial 140 pieces in a week), it appears to be a sellout by Christmas. If this happens, who knows what its value might be next year."

This sculpture follows the celebration of the 75th season of Neyland Stadium at Shields-Watkins Field. The sculpture also features a wooden base which the stadium rest upon with a brass plate with the engraving of "Neyland Stadium" on it. Retailers are selling the stadium sculpture for approximately $100.

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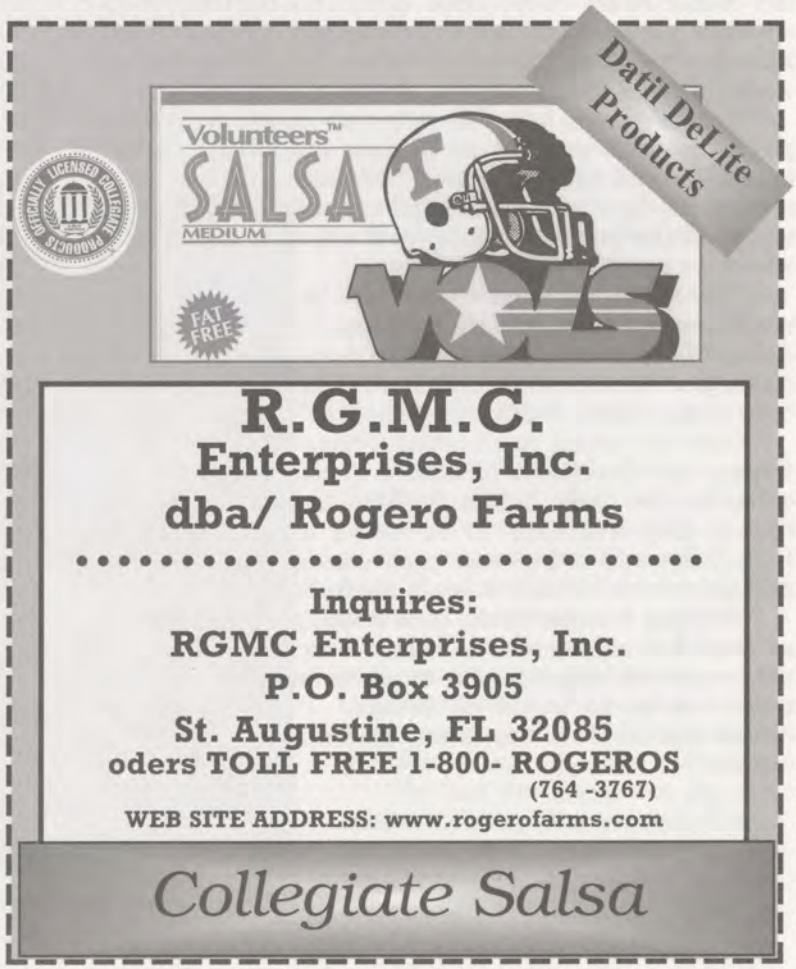

The Last Word...
A Look Back 30 Years

Tennessee's road to the Orange Bowl and Southeastern Conference championship was a difficult one, to put it mildly. The 1967 Volunteers suffered a defeat before most other college teams left the starting gate, losing to UCLA at Los Angeles 20-16 on Sept. 16, and thus dropped out of serious top 10 consideration for a while. Thereafter they were hounded by crippling injuries to key players, one or more popping up in every game, to such an extent that Big Orange followers felt the team would be hard put to match the 7-3 record chalked up by the 1966 team.

Coach Doug Dickey, in talking of the '67 Vols, always stressed the word TEAM.

"We were not just a collection of outstanding football players," said the Vol coach. "We had some good ones, of course. You have to have good ones to win. But our strength lay in being a TEAM. The players had unity. They had purpose. They thought of themselves as a TEAM."

The early phases of the '67 campaign showed few signs of the great things that were to come. Neither the offense nor the defense functioned as the staff had hoped in the opener with UCLA, and the team went back to basics on the practice field in the two-week interlude before the Sept. 30 game with Auburn at Knoxville. The Vols were embroiled in an airtight game with the strong Tigers when the first of a number of costly injuries struck. Quarterback Dewey Warren, an All-America and Heisman Trophy hopeful, went down with a severely damaged knee.

Thus, also began the series of remarkable, almost unbelievable, fill-in performances by members of the Tennessee squad. Senior Charlie Fulton, who had been a quarterback as a sophomore, switched over from his No. 1 tailback position and ran wild in the second half as UT pulled away to a 27-13 victory.

Bob Johnson, shown with former AD Bob Woodruff, led the way up front for the 1967 Vols and became one of the most decorated Vol players.

Fulton's stay at QB was short-lived. In his very next appearance, in the first quarter of the game with still unbeaten Georgia Tech, the Memphis boy went out with a fractured rib and other chest injuries. That brought on a third string quarterback whom many Vol fans had not known existed, Bubba Wyche, a smiling young man from Atlanta who was to become the Cinderella Man of the 1967 Tennessee team. Wyche, playing in his first major varsity game, performed brilliantly as the Vols turned back Tech 24-13.

But while Tech was one thing, Alabama was quite another. There were those who despaired as Tennessee set out to Birmingham to face the unbeaten Tide with its first two quarterbacks in the shelf. But Wyche again performed heroically, and with senior defensive back Albert Dorsey intercepting three Ken Stabler passes (one for the clinching touchdown), Tennessee stopped Alabama's three-season winning streak with a 24-13 upset. Now solidly entrenched in the top 10, the Big Orange was on its way.

The following week's game with Louisiana State at Knoxville proved to be the toughest conference assignment of the season. Warren, with his knee almost completely healed by now, came off the bench with the assistance of hard running by Walter Chadwick and Richard Pickens, and Karl Kremser booted a soccer-type field goal in the final two minutes to give UT a 17-14 win.

Then followed rather easy wins over Tampa (38-0) and Tulane (35-14), but each game was taking its toll with injuries. By now, first string defensive ends Neal McMeans and Nick Showalter were out on a long-range basis with leg injuries. Junior Jim McDonald and sophomore Vic Dingus stepped in with such confidence that McMeans and Showalter never quite won their old jobs back. Offensive guard Joe Graham suffered a broken hand. Sophomore Tommy Baucom stepped in. Senior defensive tackle Derrick Weatherford, almost sure bet for All-SEC honors, tore up a knee in the LSU game, ending his college career. Sophomore Steve Carroll stepped in. Middle guard Rick Marino suffered the same misadventure against Tampa and Jimmy Hahn took over. And so it went, a sort of relay race, with someone always there to take up the baton.

In what was supposed to be their last severe test, the Vols rolled over Ole Miss, 20-7, at Memphis on Nov. 18, ending an eight-year period of Rebel domination in the series as Chadwick, Fulton and the brilliant Richmond Flowers continued their devastating offensive work. Underdog Kentucky gave the Vols all they wanted the following week at Lexington, but Tennessee's poise held out against Dicky Lyons and Co., 17-7. The season came to a close with a triumph over Vanderbilt on Dec. 2 by a 41-14 margin.

Dickey summed it all up with an understatement that would make the British green with envy: "When you go 9-1 and beat Alabama, LSU, Ole Miss and Auburn, you've had a pretty good year."

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